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There were three Thomas Minors in Spotsylvania at the same time—my great-grandfather, my grandfather, and one of the Doodes stock born in 1740, who married Mary Dabney.

There were also three John Minors there at the same time—the energetic and prosperous one, so dwelt upon by Capt. Blackford, his son, and my great-grandfather's eldest son. This last may have been the John Minor who was a member of the Committee of Safety of Caroline county in 1775-6. On that same Committee were Colo. James Taylor, Chairman and County Lieut, his brother, George Taylor, and his father-in-law, or brother-in-law, Benj. Hubbard. There must have been great intimacy between these Minors and the Taylors, only about eight miles apart in different counties. For, in 1781 Hubbard Taylor (for whom my father was named), married Clara Minor, and the night before, or after, her brother Thomas married Elizabeth Taylor. My great-grandfather's eldest son, John, may have settled in Caroline, and there become associated with the Taylors in their Revolutionary proceedings. There was also a Joseph Minor in Spotsylvania; he had a deed of lease 17 September, 1764, from William McWilliams, which was witnessed by Thomas Minor and his son Owen. This is a very small connecting link between them. Thomas and Joseph Minor are among the New London names. There has not been found even such a slight connection as the above between my ancestry and the Doodeses.

The will of Thomas Minor, Sr., is on record. It is dated the 9th of April, 1776, and was admitted to probate 19th December, 1776. He was, therefore, living when the Declaration of American Independence was proposed and adopted, and he must have approved of it. Because his son Thomas was then a commissioned officer in the Revolutionary army, and he devises to him two tracts of land, at once, and on the death of his mother all his lands in Spotsylvania. If he had not coincided in the stand his son had taken would he have thus made him his heir and confided to him his mother and two unmarried sisters? Alice Minor qualified as executrix of her husband December 19, 1776, and gave bond for £10,000. Her son Thomas was one of her sureties.

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COCKE, GRAY, BOWIE, ROBB, &c.

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Thomas Waring, the second son above named, born September 8, 1719, married Betty Payne, an heiress, and the owner of Payne's Island. Frank Waring, the elder son, was born July 23rd, 1717, died 1771. He inherited Goldsberry; was a vestryman, justice of the peace, and represented Essex in the House of Burgesses in 1758 and 1764. He mar-

ried Lucy Cocke, daughter of Sec. William Cocke, of Williamsburg, who was aunt of Mrs. Bishop Madison, of Gen. Woodford of the Revolution, and of Dr. Walter Jones, who represented the Northern Neck in Mr. Jefferson's administration, and was a writer of great force and perspicuity.

GRAY FAMILY.

William Gray, of Garlcraig, Scotland, married in 1718 Jennett Barrie.

William Gray, his son, also of Garlcraig, was born 1729, died 1777; married Isabella, only child and heiress of John Bowie, of "Hill of Bath," and Agnes Spreul, and grand-daughter of John Bowie and Marian Gow, whose silver ladle, marked J. B. & M. G., and Bowie seal is in possession of their descendant, Mr. John Bowie Gray, Sr., of "Travellers Rest," Stafford county, Va.

The following is from the diary of Mr. John Gray, grandfather of the above, written in 1845. The said Mr. Gray was born 1769, at Garlcraig; came to America 1784, settled first in Port Royal, and in 1809 purchased Travellers Rest, once the residence of Col. Burgess Ball, and spoken of in a pamphlet by his grandson, Capt. G. W. Ball, as "the well-known and most appropriately named seat," whose unbounded hospitality characterized it literally. This reputation was no less marked in the change of owners, even to the present day:

"My grandfathers, both on father's and mother's side, were substantial merchants in Glasgow, engaged principally in the Virginia trade, and at the same time landed proprietors that, if now in the family, would sell for two hundred thousand dollars.

"My father, William Gray, of Gartcraig, a seat within two miles of Glasgow, was the oldest son of his father, and as customary in Scotland, inherited the landed property of the family—married Isabella Bowie, an heiress. My father built a large, handsome house at Gartcraig, where I was born 4th March, 1769, having two sisters and five brothers, all of whom came to maturity but died young, none reaching 36 years.

"My brother William being the eldest, inherited the whole of my father's estate. My first cargo of goods I purchased with my small patrimony, about £400, that I got from my grand-uncle, Andrew Spreul's will, who lived in Gosport, Va., and I believe owned the site on which the Navy Yard now stands."

The old seal of Gray is described by Nesbit as follows: (This seal, with that of Bowie, was inherited by Mr. Gray, and is now in possession of his great-grandson, John Bowie Gray, Jr.)

Gray Arms: *Gules. A lion rampant within a bordure engrailed argent Crest. An anchor in pale or Supportors. Two lions guardant gules. Motto: Anchor fast anchor.*